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1. In spite of concluded trade negotiations between Czechoslovakia and Argentina, there is no tangible evidence that the trade envisaged in the recently signed treaty is actually being carried into effect. Argentine import-export firms attempting to promote Argentine-Czechoslovak trade have been denied the necessary permits by the Argentine Central Bank. Dr. Alexander Kunosi, Czechoslovak Minister to Argentina, is said to be somewhat pessimistic regarding fulfillment of the treaty, although only a few weeks ago he appeared convinced that Argentine-Czechoslovak trade would be considerably increased almost immediately.
2. Employees and officials of several local Czechoslovak firms, all of which are affiliated with the recently formed Argentine-Czechoslovak Chamber of Commerce, are complaining that they are unable to transact the business they had anticipated. ~~Comment.~~ About 80% of the high-ranking employees and officials of these firms ~~the majority of~~ them appear to be pro-Soviet.)

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